S.No.	Region/State	Present Installed Capacity	Production of Cement 2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Central Region		50.60	16.02	18.27	24.27
20	Uttar Pradesh	161.90	140.1	148.53	153.92
21	Madhya Pradesh				
Central Region-Total		212.50	156.12	166.80	178.19
Grand Total		1412.80	936.06	1024.01	1113.49

Note: Statewise capacity and production in respect ot mini cement plants is not maintained centrally. However, their present installed capacity is 11.10 million tonnes and on an average they produce 4 to 5 million tonnes per year.

Export and import ratio

†2255. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export-import ratio in the country during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for no improvement in foreign trade of the country;

(c) the amount spent on the imports and earned through exports in terms of dollars during the said period; and

(d) the details of Government's policy for reducing the imports and enhancing the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) As per the data received from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, value of exports, imports of merchandise goods and the export-import ratio in the country during the last three years is as under:

(US$ million)

Year	Exports	% Growth	Imports	% Growth	Export as % of Import
2000-01	44560	21	50536	1.7	88.17
2001-02	43827	-1.6	51413	1.7	85.25
20n2-03(P)	52234	19.2	61286	19.2	85.23

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India's exports have witnessed high growth rates during 2000-01 and 2002-03. The decline in export performance in 2001-02 is mainly due to global economic slowdown coupled with the impact of the events of September 11, 2001 and its aftermath. Despite the adverse global trading environment, in the first quarter of 2003-04 we have achieved 11.06% export growth. In the case of imports, most of the imports are either necessities for domestic consumption or imports needed for exports and industrial activity.

(d) Export promotion being one of the priorities of the Government, constant efforts are made by the Government to improve foreign trade of India by promoting exports. Based on the strategies contained in the Medium Term export Strategy 2002-07, announced in January, 2002, a number of programmes/schemes have been launched through the Union Budget, 2003-04 and Exim Policy, 2003-04. In the Exim Policy, 2003-04, besides, the focus on Service exports, policies have been devised to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU's), etc. A new programme called "Focus CIS" has been introduced. Duty Neutralization Schemes for import of inputs used for export production have been strengthened.

Diamond cutting in Uttaranchal

†2256. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of the diamond cutting centres in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the work of diamond cutting is being carried out at Haldwani, Uttaranchai also;

(c) if so, whether any action plan is being chalked out to boost up the diamond cutting work in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) According to the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, an autonomous unit sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, the major diamond cutting centres in the country are located at

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